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Milan, December 18. *N. S.*

THE Duke of *Modena* having acknowledged the King of *Spain*, *Charles* III. Orders came lately from *Madrid* to ſeize the Towns and Territories of *Reggio* and *Carpi*, which belong to that Duke, but are now in the hands of the *French*, as being Fiefs of the Crown of *Spain*, and forfeited to the Duke of *Anjou*, to whom the Inhabitants have been obliged to ſwear Allegiance, and they have been forbid to have any Correſpondence with the Duke of *Modena*, their lawful Prince, upon pain of being treated as Rebels: The Magiſtrates of thoſe Towns have alſo been removed, and others put into their Places. Our Advices from *Piedmont* ſay, that the Duke of *Savoy* continues to raiſe Soldiers with very good Succeſs, and to make the neceſſary Proviſion for the Security of his Frontie s. The *German* Forces which lately joined him, under the Command of the Marquis *de Viſconti*, are gone into Quarters at *Raconigi*.

Liege, January 1. *N. S.* On the 26th paſt, in the evening, the Count *de Noyelles* marched from hence with a Detachment, conſiſting of Thirty Men out of each Company of Foot in Gariſon here, notwithſtanding the Inconvenience of the Weather, which was very bad and foggy, to *Marche en Famine*, where he was joined by a good number of Troops, drawn out of *Maſtricht*, *Viſet*, *Ruremonde*, *Aix la Chapelle*, *Venlo*, and other Places, which together made a Body of 13500 Men, beſides 1000 Men more, drawn out of *Huy*, who were commanded by the Baron *de Trongne*, Governor of that Place. They continued their March the next day, and on the 28th, betimes in the morning, arrived before the Enemy's Lines between the Villages of *Waſſegue* and *Merdo*. The Baron *de Trongne*, with his Detachment, was ſent before, and was the firſt that forced the Lines, and when the Count came up he found him poſted in the Church-yard of *Waſſegue*, the *French* Forces which were there having been obliged to retire, after a ſhort Reſiſtance, and many of them having been killed or taken Priſoners. The Count *de Noyelles* immediately gave Orders for demoliſhing the Lines, which was done in leſs than 24 hours, for the ſpace of a League and half, tho' they conſiſted of a Ditch 20 Foot deep and 24 broad, and a proportionable Parapet. In the mean time a Detachment was ſent out to put the neighbouring Country under Contribution, who brought away the principal Inhabitants as Hoſtages for the Payment of the Sum of 300000 Guilders, which were demanded of them, and which they have engaged to make good in 3 weeks time. The 29th they marched to *Haneff*, and the Count *de Noyelles* is ſince returned hither with the Forces he took with him from this Place, as the reſt are to their reſpective Gariſons. It is ſaid, that the Elector of *Cologne*, who is at *Namur*, upon Advice of the Motions of our Troops, and that a Party of our Horſe was come into the neighbourhood of that Town, ordered his Equipage to be got ready, intending to have removed to ſome other Place, but that a Miniſter whom the *French* King employs to obſerve him ſent him word, That it was the King his Maſter's Intereſt that his Electoral Highneſs ſhould remain at *Namur*, whereupon he altered his Reſolution of leaving that Place. This Expedition, which was managed with the greateſt Secrecy, did very much alarm the Enemy, and the Marſhal *de Villeroy* is thereupon come from *Bruſſels* to *Leuwe* with a ſmall Detachment of Horſe and Dragoons, being followed by the Sieur *de Ximenes*, with a Body of Forces drawn out of ſeveral of their Gariſons between the *Sambre* and *Maeſe*; but this not being a proper Seaſon for repairing their Lines, and our Forces being returned to their Winter Quarters, it is believed the Enemy will do the like; however Orders are given for our Forces to be in a readineſs to march if there be Occaſion.

Falmouth, Jan. 3. Yeſterday came in here the *Sidney* Frigat, Captain *Upton* Commander, having under her Convoy above 40 Sail of Coaſters, moſt of them Colliers, together with the *Berkley*, *Ralph Hudley* Maſter, and the *George and Elizabeth*, *Edward Rochdell* Maſter, both of *London*, and homeward bound from *Virginia*; as alſo the *Samuel and Nicholas*, *William Lane* Maſter, bound from *Lisbon* to *Topſham*: They came from *Scilly* in company of divers other Merchant Ships and Coſters, making in all about 120 Sail. Yeſterday about 60 Sail, belonging to the ſame Fleet, paſſed by this Place up the Chanel, in company of two *Dutch* homeward-bound Ships from *Guinea*, which, yeſterday about 3 of the Clock in the afternoon, engaged 2 *French* Man of War, or Privateer, of above 30 Guns,